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**Subject:** XRF Training opportunity, Angel's Share Fungus Developments in St. Croix

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Dear Commissioner Barnes,

We present the following two items for your consideration.

1) X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) Equipment Training: The EPA is coordinating with VIDOH to provide training in St. Croix on the use of hand-held XRF analyzers for field detection of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) and lead in soils. The proposed training duration is approximately 4 hours, and will be conducted by contractors under the EPA Removal Support Team (RST2) contract. We would like to extend the training opportunity to your LBP expert from the St. Croix DEP office.

2) Angel's Share Fungus: During the past two weeks, we have received three additional calls from Williams Delight residents concerned about a black growth on house exteriors. Our preliminary sampling of similar growth from homes in Enfield Green, and other surfaces adjacent to the Distillery Warehousing area show results consistent with Angel's Share Fungus (Attachment 1). The Angel's Share fungus has been in the news recently (Attachment 2). We are requesting your concurrence to coordinate directly with, or provide assistance to DEP staff in order to determine the cause of the black growth, potential environmental effects and remedies if required.

Very Respectfully,

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